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Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20024

Subject: In the Matter of Implementation of Pay Telephone Provisions

CC Docket No. 96-128

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral ex-parte communication in connection with the above-captioned proceeding. On October 3, 2005, the undersigned counsel spoke with John Stover by telephone as counsel for the Northwest Public Communications Council ("NPCC"). We discussed the pending petitions for declaratory ruling filed in Docket 96-128 by the IPTA, SPCA, and IPANY ("Petitions"). In particular, counsel inquired as to the status of any pending activity on the Petitions and the likelihood of action on the petitions by the end of this year. Counsel also discussed the possibility of scheduling a meeting at the FCC between now and the end of the year to discuss the Petitions.

In addition to discussing the current status of the FCC's review of the Petitions, counsel provided Mr. Stover with a brief update as to the status of two pending proceedings involving actions for payphone access line refunds under the same FCC order that was the subject of the Petitions. Specifically, in a complaint by the NPCC filed with the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("OPUC"), the OPUC is continuing to hold the complaint in abeyance pending a ruling by the FCC on the Petitions. In an action brought by 51 payphone service providers against Qwest, including a number of members of the NPCC, the case is still pending at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Qwest is urging the Ninth Circuit to defer to the FCC's action on the Petitions.



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We trust you will find this information to be useful. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact the undersigned counsel directly.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Mr. Jon Stover (via e-mail)